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CHAPTER 233

SENATE BILL 1055

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-4430, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 13-4430, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-4430. <u>Consultation between crime victim advocate and victim:</u> privileged information: exception

- A. A crime victim advocate shall not disclose as a witness or otherwise any communication except compensation or restitution information between himself and the victim unless the victim consents in writing to the disclosure.
- B. Unless the victim consents in writing to the disclosure, a crime victim advocate shall not disclose records, notes, documents, correspondence, reports or memoranda, except compensation or restitution information, that contain opinions, theories or other information made while advising, counseling or assisting the victim or that are based on the communication between the victim and the advocate.
- C. The communication is not privileged if the crime victim advocate knows that the victim will give or has given perjured testimony or if the communication contains exculpatory evidence.
- D. A defendant may make a motion for disclosure of privileged information. If the court finds there is reasonable cause to believe the material is exculpatory, the court shall hold a hearing in camera. Material that the court finds is exculpatory shall be disclosed to the defendant.
- E. If, with the consent of the victim, the crime victim advocate discloses to the prosecutor or a law enforcement agency any communication between the victim and the crime victim advocate or any records, notes, documents, correspondence, reports or memoranda, the prosecutor or law enforcement agent shall disclose such material to the defendant's attorney only if such information is otherwise discoverable.
- F. Notwithstanding subsections A and B, if a crime victim consents either verbally or in writing, a crime victim advocate may disclose information to other professionals and administrative support persons that the advocate works with for the purpose of assisting the advocate in providing services to the victim AND TO THE COURT IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY VICTIM'S RIGHT PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

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